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SUBJECT: Red Ribbon Week Activities

In order to maintain combat readiness, it is imperative that Department of Defense military personnel, civilians, and their families remain drug free. One of our most successful drug demand reduction efforts has been to elevate anti-drug education during the national Red Ribbon Week. In order to raise public awareness of the Department's commitment to a drug-free military community, I strongly encourage installations, commands, and units to participate in Red Ribbon Week activities this year.

Red Ribbon Week is a national observance that occurs annually from October 23-31. This nationwide celebration has become a major force for raising public awareness and mobilizing communities to combat alcohol, drug, and tobacco use. The Department has officially participated in this event since 1990 with the aim to reduce drug abuse among its members and their families.



Due to the extensive Pentagon remodeling project, the concourse area will not be available for the individual display booths that we have sponsored in past years. Furthermore, the Hall of Heroes that normally serves as our venue for the awards ceremony will not be available. Alternatively, we will host an awards ceremony in the Pentagon Auditorium, 0930, Thursday, October 25, 2007. Details will be forwarded as we get closer to the event. We ask that appropriate members of your agency plan to join us on October 25, 2007, to help us celebrate the success of anti-drug efforts within the Department and to recognize the achievements of this year's award winners.

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